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SUBJECT: MBFR - AUGUST 30 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF SENIOR POLADS
WORK PROGRESS

1. AS ANTICIPATED, COUNCIL DID NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT OF ALLIED MBFR POSITION AT ITS AUGUST 30 MEETING. CHAIRMAN (ASYG PANSA) MADE BRIEF REPORT ON PROGRESS OF SPC IN DEVELOPING POSITION AND SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL DEFER CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES UNTIL ITS SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING, AT WHICH TIME SPC WILL HAVE HAD AN ADDITIONAL MEETING ON MBFR. PANSA ALSO NOTED THAT SHAPE HAD NOW SUBMITTED TO MILITARY COMMITTEE ITS ASSESSMENT OF U.S., BELGIAN, AND UK MBFR PAPERS CIRCULATED DURING JULY AND THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE WOULD NOW DO AN EVALUATION OF SHAPE ASSESSMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AGREED WITH PANSA'S SUGGESTION THAT COUNCIL COULD DEFER CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES UNTIL NEXT MEETING. BELGIAN PERMREP (DE STAERCKE) ALSO
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SUPPORTED PANSA'S SUGGESTION AND CONGRATULATED SPC ON PROGRESS TO DATE. REFERRING TO PANSA'S STATEMENT THAT SHAPE ASSESSMENTS OF U.S., BELGIAN, AND UK PAPERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED, DE STAERCKE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MILITARY

COMMITTEE WOULD VIEW SHAPE ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF LATEST
PAPER PRODUCED IN SENIOR POLADS (ISD/49) IN ORDER AVOID
DISCUSSION OF ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM ONE OR
MORE OF THE NATIONAL PAPERS. MILITARY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES
SAID THIS PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOLLOWED.
RUMSFELD.

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